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Employment in IT Sector
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Indian Information Technology companies have created large scale employment opportunities in the Information Technology sector and significant part of it has been generated in the United States of America;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether employment in the country has been generated on an equal pace as generated abroad and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *201 FOR 30.11.2016 REGARDING EMPLOYMENT IN IT SECTOR.
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(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. As per National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the Indian Information Technology (IT) - IT Enabled Services (ITES) exports from India are estimated at US$ 108 billion in 2015-16, with USA accounting for nearly 62% market share. The Indian IT companies have generated significant employment opportunities domestically and also in USA. In 2015, the Indian IT- ITES industry generated about 3.5 million direct jobs in India which is estimated to reach 3.7 million in 2016, out of this around 30% are women employees. The number of indirect jobs created domestically is estimated at 10 million. The jobs supported in USA by Indian IT-ITES companies is a small share of total domestic employment.

Under the Digital India Programme, significant employment opportunities (Over 5 lakh) have been created through Citizen Service Centres (CSCs) over last one year, mostly in rural areas across India. Further, the electronics manufacturing initiatives under Digital India is also creating large scale employment opportunities estimated at 1,70,000.

The Indian IT companies supported ~ 4, 11,000 (both direct & indirect) jobs in the US in 2015. As a share of the total employment in IT-ITES sector in India, the jobs supported in US are as low as 12%. Over the last 5 years, the Indian IT companies have supported the US economy by paying huge tax amounting to US$ 20 billion plus. The comparative employment by Indian IT companies in India and jobs supported in USA is as under:

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	FY2011	FY2013	FY2015
IT-ITES employment in India	2,584	3,052	3,485
US jobs supported by Indian IT-ITES companies	280	340	411
Share of US jobs supported by Indian IT-ITES companies as a ratio of total IT-ITES employment in India	11%	11%	12%

According to NASSCOM, the average annual growth rate of employment creation of 8-10% has been observed both domestically as well as in USA.

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